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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.